

Kansas Regional Trauma Council Executive Report

Northwest Trauma Region

October 29, 2004

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting was held on April 29, 2004 at Hays Medical Center. Gary Curmode presented on the DeBruce Grain Elevator disaster. Elections were conducted where a new nurse representative was elected, Craig Button from St. Francis.

Other

Kim Nutting was re-appointed by the Governor as the NWKRTC ACT representative.

Projects and Major Activities:

Regional Trauma Planning

On June 22, 2004 a regional trauma planning meeting was held in Quinter. The meeting was used to update hospital representatives on the NW Regional Trauma Council, to inform hospital representatives about Regional Trauma Plan Development, to provide a Q & A session regarding the trauma capabilities survey and to invite participation in the regional trauma plan process.

The trauma region issued a mailing requesting pre-hospital triage and transport protocols. This information will be used to establish a baseline of what protocols are in use in the region as we moved forward with plan development.

100% of hospital trauma resources assessments have been returned.

On July 7, 2004, an EMS regional trauma plan meeting was conducted in Hoxie. The meeting was used to form a strategy for completing EMS sections of the NWKRTC Regional Trauma Plan, identify section leaders, and develop a timeline for completing trauma plan drafts. This meeting was scheduled to coincide with a NW Region EMS meeting to gain more participation. The pre-hospital group has done work by conference call.

Future planning meetings will involve not only the EMS team but also the "hospital team" and "injury prevention team."

The NW region issued 100 ACS Gold Books. The Gold Books were mailed or hand delivered to every hospital and EMS agency in the region.

Due to the shortage of EMTs in the NW region, the trauma region partnered with Colby Community College to provide scholarships to EMT candidates. This will be written into the NW trauma plan.

Another successful ATLS course was conducted in Hays on October 16, 2004.

Outreach

In addition to the meetings and activities previously mentioned to gain participation and involvement, the RTC has agreed to be a sponsor of the "Last Chance Seminar." This event provides CE credit for healthcare professionals with a specific focus on EMS personnel.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

The region received \$17,000 for emergency medical dispatch training. The project is moving forward where two APCO trainers will be trained for the NW region and approximately 50 dispatchers trained. APCO EMD flip cards will also be purchased for the dispatchers.

Trauma Registry

Of the 18 hospitals in the NW region, 14 have been trained in the registry. In the 2nd quarter of 2004, 10 (71%) of the 18 reported data.

In August, the NWKRTC sponsored a registry-sharing meeting at Hays. A meal was provided. Trauma registrars from all hospitals in the NW region were invited to attend and to bring challenging data entry cases. A computer lab was set up where registrars walked through the process of entering data during the meeting. This provided the registrars with an opportunity to build a network of local support and to resolve difficult cases. The group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis.